GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:66
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TO B.P.L
RADHA MOHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have given up the idea of making essential commodities available at cheap rates to those people who are living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) if not, the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the PDS the Central Government has assumed responsibility for procurement and supply of essential commodities, viz. wheat, rice, levy sugar, imported edible oil and kerosene to the State Governments and the Union Territories for distribution at affordable prices to the public. Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) introduced in June, 1997 foodgrains are provided to the States UTs at specially subsidised Central Issue Price (CIP) for issue to the people living below poverty line (BPL) @ 10 kg. per family per month by identification of families and issue of special ration cards to them.

The information relating to number of BPL households and number of BPL ration card holder (state-wise) is placed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 66 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-02-2000

STATEMENT INDICATING STATEWISE NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS BPL HOUSEHOLDS, FAIR PRICE SHOPS AND F CARDS.

STATE/UT	Population (1999)	No.of House- holds 1999	No.of BPL House- hold			Reported As on			
	Rural	Urban	Total	BPL	APL	Total	BPL	APL	Total
Andhra Pr	746.17	156.43	37.78	32813	7040	39853	113.25	51.53	164.78	OCT 99
Arunachal Pr	11.55	2.34	0.77	842	103	945	0.82	2.43	3.25	OCT 99
Assam	258.78	44.39	19.06	28678	3660	32347	18.81	23.69	42.50	DEC 99
Bihar	981.22	159.29	85.90	47293	10242	57335	84.26	88.74	173.00	NOV 97
Goa	15.47	3.10	0.38	429	161	590	0.07	2.98	3.05	DEC 99
Gujarat	475.51	86.30	19.95	10358	3766	14124	33.84	71.10	104.94	NOV 99
Haryana	195.46	31.03	7.33	5247	2664	7911	5.43	37.72	43.15	DEC 99
Himachal Pr	65.45	12.26	4.26	3564	279	3843	2.86	8.92	11.78	SEPT 99
Jammu & Kashmir	97.09	18.42	6.17	2237	689	2926	3.36	10.12	13.48	SETP 97
Karnataka	514.36	93.18	28.87	14547	5353	19893	64.79	46.73	111.52	NOV 99
Kerala	319.82	60.57	15.35	12279	1982	14261	20.58	41.00	61.58	DEC 99
Madhya Pradesh	783.46	138.37	53.34	20489	3652	24141	43.65	90.13	133.78	DEC 99
Maharashtra	901.22	175.33	60.45	32400	10346	42746	58.29	135.82	194.11	OCT 99

Manipur	24.41	4.70	1.30	1753	175	1928	0.67	1.13	1.80	JUNE 97
Meghalaya	23.59	4.35	1.44	3257	572	3829	0.97	0.98	1.95	MARCH 97
Mizoram	9.22	1.62	0.53	886	195	1081	N.A.	1.73	1.73	JUNE 99
Nagaland	16.29	2.92	0.95	138	213	351	0.96	1.05	2.01	MARCH 99
Orissa	355.35	67.30	31.82	20824	3841	24665	41.12	39.81	80.93	SEPT 99
Punjab	232.76	39.32	4.30	9557	3896	13453	4.89	47.31	52.20	SEPT 99
Rajasthan	526.39	87.15	21.66	14041	4551	18592	21.15	76.92	98.07	JAN 99
Sikkim	5.41	1.02	0.34	519	359	878	N.A.	N.A.	0.66	OCT 97
Tamil Nadu	612.55	137.65	45.79	20060	6220	26280	55.00	100.67	155.67	DEC 99
Tripura	36.65	6.99	2.31	1185	174	1359	2.31	4.55	6.86	NOV 99
Uttar Pradesh	1663.64	267.47	95.48	64393	12326	76719	95.48	159.96	255.44	JULY 98
West Bengal	779.72	143.33	46.59	15673	4842	20515	46.11	109.13	155.24	OCT 98
A & Nicobar	3.74	0.79	0.22	286	118	404	0.12	0.73	0.85	NOV 99
Chandigarh	8.60	1.96	0.18	46	201	247	0.00	2.06	2.06	NOV 99
D&N Haveli	1.84	0.35	0.14	78	N.A.	78	0.16	0.16	0.32	DEC 99
Daman & Diu	1.35	0.25	0.03	7	6	13	0.02	0.27	0.29	NOV 99
Delhi	134.18	26.23	2.96	428	2739	3167	N.A.	34.45	34.45	JUNE 99
Lakshadweep	0.69	0.11	0.02	21	14	35	N.A.	0.12	0.12	DEC 99
Pondicherry	10.76	2.16	0.65	163	233	396	0.90	1.63	2.53	DEC 99
Total	9812.70	1777.48	596.20	364493	90612	455105	719.87	1193.57	1914.10	